

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting  
September 26, 2016  
Minutes

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Present: James Bertrando, Marilyn Burns, Anne Cobbin, Rocco DiGennaro, Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chief Robert Gavalier, Anne Lally, Edgar Manning, Ruth Mastriana, Sue Paluga, Patricia Sciarretta, and Linda Warino

Absent: Ken Cooper, Bill Gambrel, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Eric Ungaro, and Thomas Vasvari

Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Mark Dunlap, and Aimee Schweers

Guests: Darryl Alexander, YUMADAOP, Vince Brancaccio, Help Hotline Crisis Center (HHCC), Joseph Caruso, Compass and Family Services, Angela McClellan, Coalition Drug Free Mahoning County (DFMC), Larry Moliterno, Meridian Healthcare, Joe Shorokey, Alta, and Barbara Yates, Turning Point Counseling Services (TPCS)

Edgar Manning, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**14 – 2017: Motion: Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler – to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2016 MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Rocco DiGennaro...motion carried.**

**A. Chair Report**

- Announced the resignation of Mike Cretella
- October 20, 2016 is the Meridian Healthcare comedy show fundraiser
- Edgar Manning informed Board Members that Joe Shorokey, Alta, Joe Caruso, Compass, Barbara Yates, TPCS, and Larry Moliterno, Meridian Healthcare were here to address the Board regarding the shortage of Psychiatrists and Psychiatric Advance Practice Nurses. They have requested to present early in the meeting if there is no objection to the change in the agenda.

**New Business**

- Shortage of Psychiatrists and Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurses. Joe Shorokey, Alta, stated that there are very few Board Certified Psychiatrists and Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurses and that with the high demand comes high costs. Joe Caruso, Compass, said there are only 5 doctors and 2 nurses in Mahoning County. Barbara Yates, TPCS, stated that behavioral health redesign will cut rates of doctors and nurses; saying that costs will go up, but reimbursement will go down. Larry Moliterno, Meridian, said the ideal for his agency is to contract with another agency, rather than to hire a psychiatrist. He stated that the agencies may come back to the Board to ask for financial assistance to help in hiring a psychiatrist and psychiatrist nurse(s). Duane Piccirilli, Executive Director, said the agencies will need to come back to the Board with a proposal.

**B. Treasurer Report**

- Mark Dunlap, Financial Director, in the absence of Bill Gambrel, Treasurer, reviewed the Balance General Ledger report for August 2016 Mahoning County MHR Board in the amount of \$6,689,511.63

**15 – 2017: Motion: Chief Bob Gavalier – to approve the August 2016 Treasurer's Report. Seconded: Patricia Sciarretta...motion carried.**

- Approve blanket list of bills for August 2016

**16 – 2017: Motion: Jim Bertrando – to approve the blanket list of bills for August 2016. Seconded: Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler...motion carried.**

#### **Committee Reports**

- **Executive Committee (September 12, 2016)**

Edgar Manning reviewed the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting.

- Brian Kennedy, Executive Director, TPCS, discussed amended metrics gauging TPCS's effectiveness and efficiency, as well as updates regarding TPCS.

**17 – 2016: Motion: Linda Warino – to continue contract with Turning Point Counseling Services with quarterly reviews of industry standard metrics and the additional metrics requested by Turning Point Counseling Services. Seconded: Patricia Sciarretta... motion carried.**

- Mark Dunlap reviewed the MCMHRB fiscal reserve analysis.

**18 – 2016: Motion: Linda Warino – to accept the fiscal reserve analysis. Seconded: Marilyn Burns...motion carried.**

- **Community Relations and Marketing Committee**
  - No Report
- **Program and Policy Committee**
  - No Report
- **Ways and Means Committee**
  - No Report

#### **Executive Director Report**

- Sequential Intercept Mapping Planning Grant
- OhioMHAS/YWCA match
- MCMHRB Capital Request
- NAMI walk
- Mental Health/Development Disabilities
- Training for Group Home Operators
- Mahoning County Domestic Relations/Mental Health Seminar
- Respite/Reentry Funding

**19 – 2016: Motion: Patricia Sciarretta: to accept \$40,991.00 from OhioMHAS for children's respite. Seconded: Ruth Mastriana...motion carried.**

**20 – 2016: Motion: Marilyn Burns: to accept \$20,000.00 from OhioMHAS for reentry. Seconded: Anne Lally....motion carried.**

- Duane reported \$35,000.00 of respite will be contracted with Mahoning County Family and Children First. The remaining \$5,991.00 will be used for adult respite at the TPCS crisis unit

**21 – 2016: Motion: to approve contract with Mahoning County Family and Children First for respite funding in the amount of \$35,000.00. Seconded: Patricia Sciarretta...motion carried.**

**22 – 2016: Motion: to approve contract with Community Corrections Association, Inc. (CCA) for the re-entry alliance in Mahoning County in the amount of \$20,000.00. Seconded: Marilyn Burns...motion carried.**

- Attorney Generals Task Force
- Hoarding
- Common Pleas Drug Court Funding
- Mental Health First Aid Training

#### **Unfinished Business**

- None

#### **Board Member Remarks**

- None

#### **Provider Remarks**

- Vince Brancaccio, HHCC
  - Annual banquet at Georgetown is on October 6, 2016.
  - It is their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Barbara Yates, TPCS
  - Sub-acute detox staff has been hired and will open by October 5, 2016
  - Case management is at 49% productivity.
  - Received \$120,000.00 from the Youngstown Foundation to do improvements.
  - Electronic health records moving along.
- Joe Caruso, Compass
  - October 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. is the groundbreaking for the 40 unit permanent supportive housing.
  - Case Western Reserve University is doing a review of Supported Employment Program
  - 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Daybreak (Runaway shelter), serves over 110 youth/year
  - 25<sup>th</sup> year for the Sojourner House. October 3, 2016 at noon will be the Domestic Violence vigil at First Presbyterian Church, 201 Wick Ave.
  - Friday, September 23, 2016 was the Wine, Dine and Groove benefit. Auctioned 30 "peace" chairs
- Angela McClellan, DFMC
  - PEP survey is completed
  - Working with local Police Department on how law enforcement can interact with children who need support due to a family situation
- Darryl Alexander, YUMADAOP
  - Doing prevention programs at Taft, Williamson, Paul C. Bunn and Southside Academy

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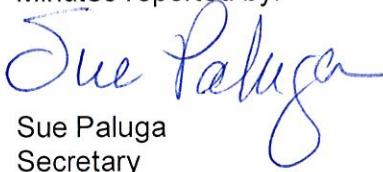
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- Received a \$20,000.00 grant from the Youngstown Foundation for after school programs, and waiting to hear about another grant from PNC Bank

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Minutes reported by:

  
Sue Paluga  
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:

  
Aimee Schweers  
Administrative Assistant/Prevention Trainer